304 HIGH STREET CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

This bank was constructed in 1892 to replace the original building that was destroyed in the fire of July 30, 1892. The earlier bank was a three story frame structure built in the Second Empire style, and was constructed in 1881. The National Bank of Cambridge chartered in 1880, is the oldest bank still operating in Cambridge. The two dates, 1880 and 1892, are chiseled into the front of the building to the right and left above the door. William H. Barton, Jr. (see 615 Locust Street) was the first president. The present building was built in the Romanesque Revival style and has been preserved despite minor renovations over the years. J. Benjamin Brown probably constructed both this building and the earlier bank. This structure is one of the most attractive businesses in present -day Cambridge and contributes to the late nineteenth century character of the 300 block of High Street. The management of the bank is committed to the preservation of the integrity of the building.

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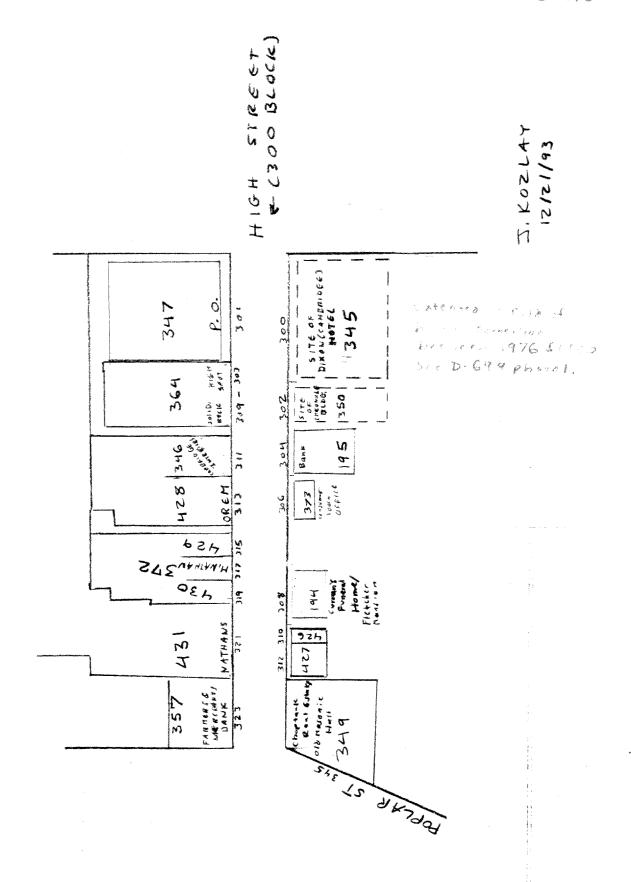
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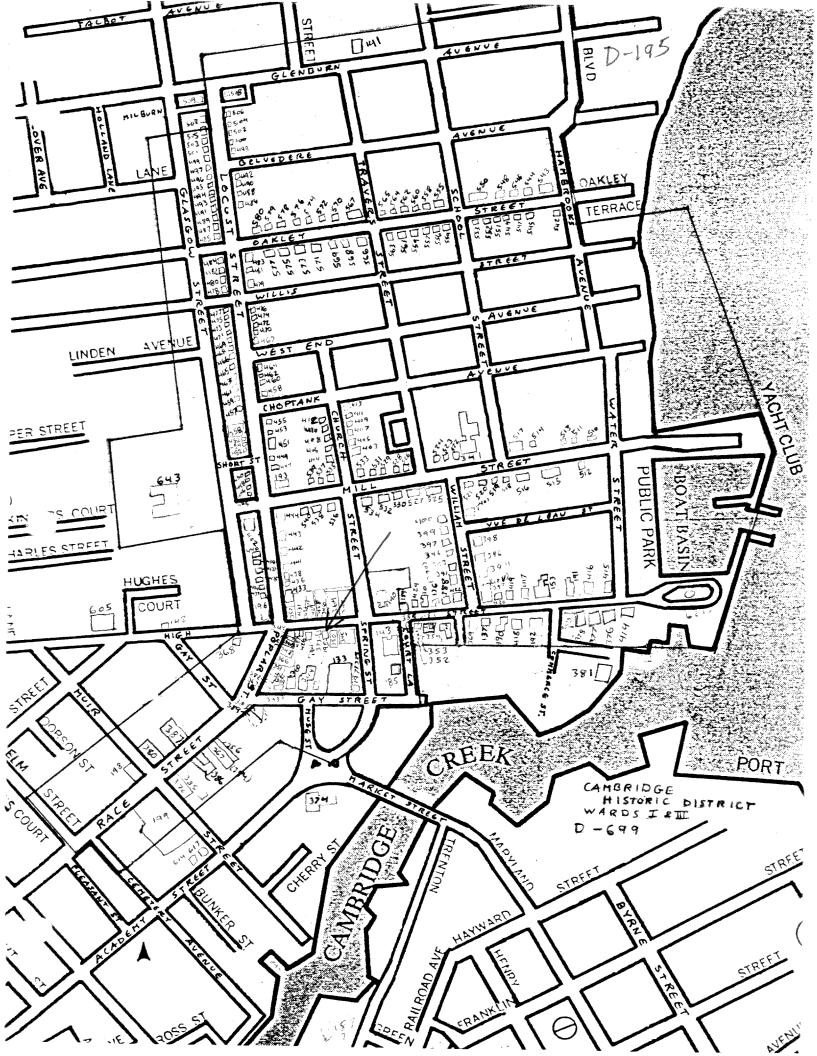
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